

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

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NEW SCHEME FOR SEARCHING SPORTS TALENT

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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to introduce a new scheme for searching sports talent at the village level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up branches of Sports Authority of India (SAI) in every district of each State ; and
- (d) if so, the time by when the same is likely to be done?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) There is no new proposal to introduce a new scheme for searching sports talent at the village level. The Ministry through Sports Authority of India (SAI), is already implementing the following sports promotion schemes to scout and nurture the sports talent from the entire country in age group ranging from 8 to 25 years:-

- 1) National Sports Talent Contest Scheme (NSTC) : (8-14 Years)
- 2) Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC) : (8-14 Years)
- 3) Special Area Games (SAG) : (14-21 Years)
- 4) SAI Training Centre (STC) : (14-21 Years)
- 5) Centre of Excellence (COX) : (17-25 Years)

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.